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## Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Apr. 1	Fort Gaines .....	Mobile .....	23	2	0
2	Appomattox .....	New Orleans. ....	46	1	0
4	Greenbrier .....	New Orleans, via Limon..	46	0	0
5	Taunton .....	do .....	23	10	0
6	Taunton .....	New Orleans, via Colon..	23	3	0

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

*Report from Manila—Cholera diminishing—Smallpox in the provinces—Inspection of vessels.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, March 3 and 9:

During the week ended February 29 there were at Manila 5 cases of cholera, with 5 deaths. No vessels requiring consular bills of health cleared from Manila during the week.

Week ended March 7. The number of cholera cases in the Philippine Islands continues to grow less in the provinces, and only 3 sporadic cases, with 2 deaths, were reported in the city of Manila.

*Smallpox.*—This disease still continues to be severe in those sections which have not yet been thoroughly vaccinated. In some of the towns in the provinces of Pangasinan and Capiz over 100 deaths have occurred from this one disease alone. During the week there was 1 case of smallpox in Manila.

During the week consular bills of health were issued as follows:

March 4. The British steamship *Indrani*, with 61 crew, en route from Yokohama to New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual inspection of personnel and cargo.

March 6. The American steamship *Tremont*, with 143 crew and 52 passengers, was granted a bill of health for Tacoma, via Hongkong and Japan ports. The cargo and baggage were inspected and either disinfected or passed. The personnel was inspected at the hour of sailing.

## VENEZUELA.

*Reports from La Guaira—Suspicious disease present.*

The following information is received from the American consul through the Department of State, under dates of April 15 and 22:

April 15. The nature of the disease has not been announced officially. According to the best information at hand, I have every reason to believe the disease now present at La Guaira to be plague.

April 22. Deaths continue to occur. Entire families are being taken to the hospital. The disease is spreading. Private information convinces me that the disease is plague. Absolutely nothing has been officially announced.